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3. (SBU) MAYORS ASSOCIATED WITH PRESIDENT CHAVEZ'S PARTY, THE FIFTH REPUBLIC MOVEMENT (MVR), ARE A MINORITY AMONG VENEZUELA'S 335 MAYORS. ONLY ABOUT 28 PERCENT (95) MAYORS ARE ALLIED WITH, OR ARE MEMBERS OF, MVR (ALLIES INCLUDE MAS MAS, AND PATRIA PARA TODOS). THE OTHER MAYORS BELONG TO OPPOSITION PARTIES (AD, COPEI, MAS MENOS, PRIMERO JUSTICIA, CONVERGENCIA), OR ARE INDEPENDENTS.

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